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TITLE: Assay method and apparatus

Brief Summary Text (12):

However, it has now been realised that such prior art devices have several disadvantages, the most notable of which is the following: (i) by employing capture zones having a specific binding agent for the analyte, it will be appreciated that such binding agents, which are usually proteins, may in some cases comprise unstable biological material that is usually incapable of being stored at room temperature; (ii) by virtue of (i), it is usual that such prior art devices can only be used once and therefore must be discarded; (iii) only relatively small volumes of sample and accompanying reagents can be accommodated due to the necessity for controlling the flow of sample and accompanying reagents through the prior art device to relatively slow speeds; (iv) often accumulation of complexes occur both in the capture zones and non-capture zones restricting the flow of sample and reagents through the prior art device; (v) often non-specific reactions and aggregation of reactants may cause non-specific binding; and (vi) serious limitations apply to processing detection of multiple analytes in prior art devices. For example, when detection of both multiple specificities of IgG and IgM classes of antibodies is being attempted, it is not possible to use anti-IgG or anti-IgM receptors in the capture zones or antigens specific to IgG or IgM antibodies because of the danger of cross reactions occurring, preventing the differentiation between antibody specificity and immunoglobulin class.

Brief Summary Text (33):

A coulombic interaction is an ionic interaction between two oppositely charged species. For example, dendrimeric polymers with a positive or negative overall charge may be attracted to a receptor ligand with an opposite charge.

Detailed Description Text (33):

Another means of identifying those particles bearing oligomers that have bound to the tracer molecules would be to use tracer molecules conjugated to a specific ligand (e.g. biotin) that will be trapped by a receptor ligand on the filter assembly (e.g. streptavidin). Thus, when the mixtures pass through the filter, particles that have bound the biotinylated tracer molecules will be retained on the filter assembly by biotin-streptavidin binding and all other particles pass through the filter assembly. After washing, the filter assembly will only have on it particles with oligomers that specifically bind to the tracer molecules. Other examples of ligand pairs include oligonucleotide pairs, small peptide binding pairs and metal chelates binding to polyhistidine.